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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

James ROSS

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IMPROVEMENTS IN AND
RELATING TO ROOFING OR SHEATHING:

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**GROUP 3600** 

## SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

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Please further amend the above identified application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Kindly amend claim 18 as shown below.

18 (Amended) An exterior sheathing element comprising:

- a main body having lateral sides;
- a first edge portion on said main body between said lateral sides, said first edge portion including an innerface channel;
- a second edge portion on said main body between said lateral sides and opposite said first edge portion, said second edge portion including an outerface channel; and
- a mounting tab projecting from said second edge portion so as to be substantially co-planar with respect to said main body; and

an overlapping section of said second edge portion located near at least one of said lateral sides of said main body, said overlapping section being free of said mounting tab and being adapted